

**MINUTES
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

City Council of the Town of Colma
City Hall, 1198 El Camino Real
Colma, CA 94014

**Wednesday, November 15, 2006
7:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helen Fisicaro called the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council for the Town of Colma to order at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Fisicaro reported that there was no reportable action at the Closed Session meeting of November 15, 2006.

Council Present – Mayor Helen Fisicaro, Vice Mayor Frossanna Vallergera and Councilmembers C.R. "Larry" Formalejo, Joseph Silva and Philip J. Lum, Jr.

Staff Present – City Manager Diane McGrath, Assistant City Manager Laura Allen, City Attorney Roger Peters, Police Chief Robert Lotti, City Planner Andrea Ouse, Recreation Director Brian Dossey, City Engineer Rick Mao, and Administrative Technician Kristina Krow.

Also Present – Rae Gonzalez, City Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Fisicaro opened the public comment period at 7:37 p.m.

Appearing:

Georgette Sarles, President of the Colma/Daly City Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the success of the "Mayoral Walk" as she, Mayor Fisicaro and City Manager Diane McGrath visited 18 businesses in the 280 Metro Center. She also acknowledged the Leadership Class participants from Colma, who will graduate on November 29. Ms. Sarles reminded everyone about the Chamber's Soiree on December 8.

Jim Comstock, 2nd Vice President and CFO of the Colma/Daly City Chamber of Commerce reported on the Chamber's Trade Mission trip to the Philippines. He noted that a reciprocal group from the Philippines would be coming here in January.

Holly Fulgum-Nutters, Program Manager for Project Read of North San Mateo County, thanked the Council for supporting education with the Learning Wheels and Project Read Program. She invited the Council to attend the Trivia Challenge on Friday November 17, and asked a few sample trivia questions to the council and the audience.

Jennifer Srabian, 532 B Street, of the Colma Fire Muster Team, updated the Council on the team's recent success at the California Fire Muster Association games, where the Colma team picked up seven awards. All the awards were on display in the council chamber. Ms. Srabian described the history and significance of each award.

Mayor Fisicaro called for a short break at 7:55 p.m., while the Colma Fire District members took the Muster awards out of the council chamber to be delivered to the firehouse. Mayor Fisicaro reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Rick Mao presented the City Council with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Award for Most Amazing Road Resurrections. On a 100-point scale, Colma's score jumped 31 points, from 47 to 78 in just one year.

Mayor Fisicaro closed the public comment period at 8:04 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Fisicaro asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mayor Fisicaro had received a speaker card for Item # 4, so it was removed from the consent calendar and placed as a regular item under new business.

1. Motion to Accept Minutes of October 11, 2006 Regular and Special City Council Meetings.
2. Motion to Approve Warrants List for October 2006.
3. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2006- 47 Approving the Biennial Update of the Conflict of Interest Code.
5. Motion to Adopt a Resolution 2006- 49 Approving Contract with Rodney Blonien for Lobbying Services.

Action:

Councilmember Silva moved to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3 & 5; seconded by Councilmember Lum and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Helen Fisicaro	√				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	√				
C.R. "Larry" Formalejo	√				
Philip J. Lum, Jr.	√				
Joseph Silva	√				
Voting Tally	5	0			

NEW BUSINESS

4. **Consider:** Resolution Approving a Lot Line Adjustment at 429 D Street.

Four members of the City Council had a conflict of interest due to the proximity of this property to property owned by the Councilmembers. The conflicts were noted for the record: Councilmember Lum lives across the street from the property, Mayor Fiscaro and Councilmember Silva live on the same block as the property, and Vice Mayor Vallergera owns property adjacent to 429 D Street on E Street. Numbered cards were randomly drawn and a quorum of Mayor Fiscaro, Councilmember Silva and Councilmember Formalejo was selected, under the supervision of the City Attorney Roger Peters. Council Member Lum and Vice Mayor Vallergera stepped down from the dais and left the Council Chamber.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the public hearing at 8:06 p.m.

Mara Martinez, 433 D Street, stated her concerns about having a two-story home next to hers. Ms. Martinez also received clarification that the lot line adjustment would allow two homes on this property, not three.

Dave Hatfield stated the house should be constructed close to the dog park.

Andrea Ouse, City Planner summarized the lot line adjustment at 429 D Street and reported that a two story home is allowed within the zoning regulations for this property.

Charles Ng, architect and engineer for the project, showed renderings of the proposed houses; however, no plans have been submitted to the Planning Department yet. Mr. James Fogarty, owner of the property was also present.

Mayor Fiscaro closed the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

Action:

Title of Resolution 2006-48

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2006 -48 APPROVING A LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT AT 429 D STREET

Council Member Formalejo moved to adopt Resolution 2006-48; seconded by Council Member Silva and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Helen Fiscaro	√				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera				√	
C.R. "Larry" Formalejo	√				
Philip J. Lum, Jr.				√	
Joseph Silva	√				
Voting Tally	3	0		2	

Vice Mayor Vallergera and Councilmember Lum returned to the Council Chamber and took their seats on the dais.

At this time, Mayor Fiscaro re-opened the Public Comment period, as a speaker card had been overlooked.

Laura Walsh, 1319 Mission Road, talked about traffic problems and cars blocking the entrance to Verano. The ingress and egress from Verano is often obstructed. She said a letter from the Verano neighbors about these concerns would be sent to the City Council soon. Council was aware of some of these problems, as was the Police Department and Engineering Department, and staff was directed to continue working on the issue.

Mayor Fiscaro closed the public comment period, and continued with the New Business.

6. **Consider:** Resolution Approving the Settlement Agreement with the County of San Mateo.

City Attorney Roger Peters presented the staff report.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the public hearing, and with no public comments, she closed the hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Action:

Title of Resolution No. 2006-50

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2006- 50 APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF COLMA AND THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

Vice Mayor Vallergera moved to adopt Resolution 2006-50, seconded by Mayor Fiscaro and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Helen Fiscaro	√				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallergera	√				
C.R. "Larry" Formalejo	√				
Philip J. Lum, Jr.	√				
Joseph Silva	√				
Voting Tally	5				

7. **Consider: Town of Colma Annual Picnic 2006 and 2007**

Brian Dossey, Director of Recreation Services, presented the staff report. The issues at hand are to choose a date and a location for the annual Town Picnic.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Appearing:

Mara Martinez, asked if the Town could alternate locations.

David Hatfield prefers the picnic to be held in Town.
 Charito Casanas, wants to see the picnic stay in town.
 Rae Gonzalez, prefers alternating the picnic sites.
 Mary Brodzin, prefers to have the picnic in town so people can come and go, as they like.
 Georgette Sarles, wished she lived in Colma.

Mayor Fisicaro closed the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

Council discussed the following issues: comments from residents; the increased attendance at the 2006 picnic, even though the weather had been foggy; choice of date for the 2007 picnic – either September or June; on-site benefits; off-site benefits and varied activities including a pool at some locations; past picnic locations and budget.

Action:

Vice Mayor Vallerger moved to select September 8, 2007 as the date for the 2007 Colma Town Picnic, seconded by Councilmember Philip Lum and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Helen Fisicaro	√				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallerger	√				
C.R. "Larry" Formalejo	√				
Philip J. Lum, Jr.	√				
Joseph Silva	√				
Voting Tally	5	0			

Vice Mayor Vallerger moved to hold the 2007 Colma Town Picnic at Sterling Park Recreation Center in Colma, on September 8, 2007, and directed the City Manager to commence the planning process, seconded by Councilmember Philip Lum and carried by the following vote:

Name	Voting		Present, Not Voting		Absent
	Aye	No	Abstain	Not Participating	
Helen Fisicaro	√				
Frossanna "Fro" Vallerger	√				
C.R. "Larry" Formalejo		√			
Philip J. Lum, Jr.	√				
Joseph Silva		√			
Voting Tally	3	2			

8. **Study:** Result of Police Department Business Survey

Police Chief Robert Lotti introduced Commander Greg Hart, who presented the staff report. The Commander discussed the 2006 business survey the Business Outreach Committee of the Police and Planning Departments had developed and delivered. He presented the statistics derived from the business responses.

Mayor Fisicaro opened the public hearing at 9:05 p.m.

Council discussed the following topics: Bicycle patrol – several officers are currently being trained; cooperative efforts between the Chamber of Commerce and the Colma Police Department; possible theft prevention presentation which would be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and jointly presented by the Colma and Daly City Police Departments ; anticipated increase in crime during the holiday season; discussion about “hands-off” businesses that do not prosecute shoplifters; speeding on Town streets.

Georgette Sarles, from the Colma/Daly City Chamber of Commerce participated in this discussion.

Mayor Fiscaro closed the Public hearing at 9:12 p.m.

9. **Study:** Colma Art Program

City Planner Andrea Ouse presented the staff report.

Council discussed: maintenance and upkeep of art installations; the fact that the artists maintain rights to artwork; mural painted by Wilderness School has been defaced; public art on private property - what if it isn't maintained and becomes an eyesore; threshold amount triggering developer impact fees.

Mayor Fiscaro opened the public hearing at 9:26 p.m.

Appearing:

Mara Martinez suggested the Town have a theme for the public art.

David Hatfield stated that what some people think is art, others do not agree with.

Mayor Fiscaro closed the public hearing at 9:28 p.m. This item will be tabled indefinitely as per the discussion of the Council.

COUNCIL CALENDARING

Next Council meeting is December 13, 2007.

The Council of Cities Dinner at the Colma Fire Station is on December 15, 2007

REPORTS

City Manager McGrath stated that Council has a policy of reporting out on events and meetings that they have attended, and asked if any Council members had a report.

Councilmember Formalejo reported that he had attended the Council of Cities dinner and meeting on October 27, in the Town of Hillsborough. He also attended an event for Jackie Speier on November 4, and the ribbon cutting ceremony for the athletic field at Thomas R. Pollicita School.

Councilmember Silva attended the legislative committee meeting and the October C/CAG Board meeting. He stated there will be testing of new traffic metering lights on 101 past highway 92. Councilmember Silva further reported that the C/CAG Bicycle Committee is in need of two new representatives and he hoped there would be an interested person from the north part of the County.

Rae Gonzalez, City Treasurer reported that she had attended a Public Fund Investing Workshop, which focused on creating an investment plan.

Mayor Fisicaro reported that she had attended the opening of Strings Restaurant in Westlake Shopping Center on November 3, and the Halloween costume contest at Serramonte Shopping Center. The Mayor thanked the Police Department for how well they handled the large crowds of trick-or-treating children in the residential areas on Halloween night; the kids especially liked the glow lights. On Saturday, November 4, Mayor Fisicaro attended the morning meeting with Senator Speier and the ribbon cutting at Thomas R. Pollicita School athletic field. Mayor Fisicaro was present at the Fourth Quarter meeting of the Colma Historical Association on October 30, and LSA's 30th Anniversary Open House on November 2. She attended the Daly City Emergency Food Panty and North Peninsula Dining Center "Take My Hand" fundraising dinner on October 28. The "Mayor/Chamber Walk" with the Chamber of Commerce will continue tomorrow, visiting more businesses in the 280 Metro Center.

Mayor Fisicaro informed the Council that the Jefferson Union School District has requested a representative from Colma to be part of the citizen committee formed to name the athletic field at Thomas R. Pollicita School, and asked if anyone wanted to participate on that committee. Seeing as there were no volunteers, Mayor Fisicaro will serve on this committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Fisicaro adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m., in memory of former City Clerk of Colma, Ralph Putzker.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristina Krow
Administrative Technician II